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Thanks Bill. I'm including Dr. Harris, our researcher here at the Center in this response so she can take a look also. I glanced at the page of questions for program officers and noted the statement below re: funding of pilot projects. We might have to describe as 'initial phase' rather than pilot if we decide to pursue. We'll take a look and get back to you about a meeting. Thanks.

Altha

Do you fund pilot studies, feasibility studies, or the planning stages of studies?

Rarely. We focus our support on empirical studies in which applicants have already performed a literature review, have identified specific research questions and/or hypotheses, and possess sufficiently detailed research methods and data analysis plans so that reviewers can evaluate their rigor. Intervention studies should be beyond the pilot phase.

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Dorcas and Altha,

The attached grant opportunity might be an opportunity to do some things such make the pilot YAC a 24/7 facility (and possibly have a more robust evaluation). Several points:

- It's a substantial amount of money which could cover some things not covered by the county appropriation, such as 24/7 coverage.
- The application process is not as complex as federal grant applications (five pages).

-The applicant could be the county as a tax-exempt entity.

=The deadline is August 1, but Dr. Madden could take the lead in developing a draft proposal.

If this seems worth pursuing (which it does to us), could we have a brief meeting next week to work out the details of what the proposal would entail ?

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All,

I have an idea for an application to the WTG Foundation for a "Major Research Grant" in the "Improving the Use of Research Evidence" category (max award \$1 million; funding period 2-4 years).

The RFP is attached. See specifically, pages 8-10, 14, 19-20, 23-24. Application requires a Letter of Inquiry (5 page maximum) due August 1.

Recipient must be a non-profit.

I think we should propose a project related to the Youth Assessment Center. We should propose to use grant funds to develop and implement programs and services that are "evidence-based." This would entail having the grant recipient (probably Shelby County Government) use funds to provide training on evidence-based practices and how to develop and implement programming that reflect those practices. Funding would be enough to cover the implementation of at least 1 promising evidence-based program including staff. I also would suggest that we try to integrate some sort of RCT within this application (they indicate these types of studies are awarded higher amounts). Something along the lines of randomly assigning some YAC participants to have a mentor and others to not. Along the 4-years, we would be able to test the impact of the evidence-based strategies that are developed and implemented.

Thoughts?

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